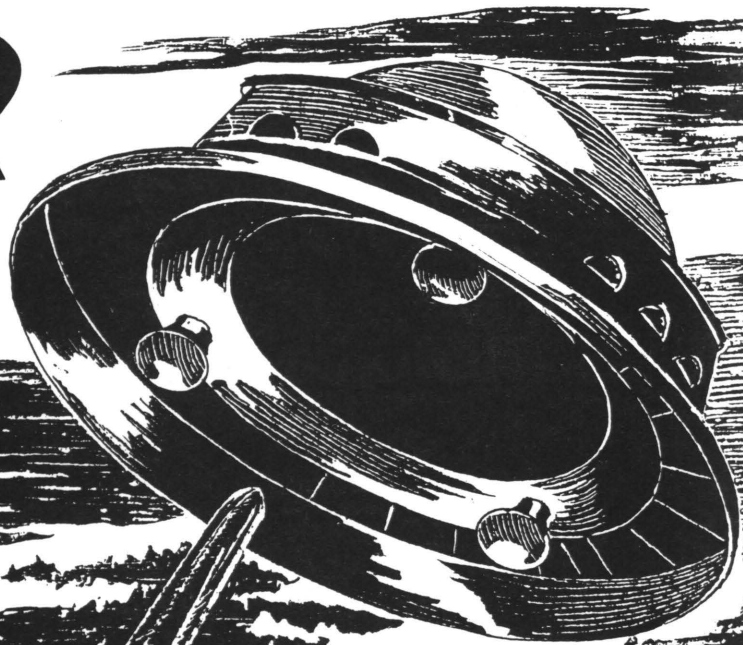


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FROM THE EDITOR



Ufology, like all other things in life, changes. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

In the late forties and early fifties, ufology was primarily interested in flying discs and where they came from. Then sightings became landings, and landings became contact with space beings. These alleged space beings were tall, slender, blond, blue-eyed creatures that were exactly like the human race. They were here to warn us of planetary catastrophe, or we, the human race, were doomed if we didn't mend our ways.

Today, from the eighties to the nineties, ufology is primarily interested in UFOs, and where they come from, and alleged creatures, who kidnap earthly people, and experiment on them.

What have we learned in forty-five years? Well, we've learned that flying discs are now UFOs, and the alleged space creatures are shorter and more grotesque. It seems that ufology is stuck with alleged creatures who have gotten shorter and more ugly through the years.

But we, the ufologists, still do not know where the flying discs, flying saucers, or UFOs come from. We still don't know why they are here or what they want. We do know that these extraterrestrials are not from the Moon, Mars or Venus, as was thought in the forties and fifties.

But what of the flyers of UFO's? Is this the summation of what we've learned throughout the years? That they, these occupants of strange aerial objects, have progressed to such a point in their evolution that they can produce little creatures with oversized heads and long slender arms to catch and experiment on us?

Or is it that ufology has to keep inventing these creature tales? So as not to get bored with where these UFOs come from?

Where UFOs come from is still the primary question in all ufology. Hard core ufologists still do not know what UFOs are, or who, if anyone, is piloting them. So, how did we progress to such a degree from meeting tall blond, blue-eyed creatures on a California desert to little creatures with big heads that capture us? It could have been the other way around. The alleged UFO occupants could have been short and ugly in the beginning and tall and handsome today. Or is this the real cover-up in ufology? To keep the public interested in alleged creatures so as not to concern ourselves with where they are coming from and what they really want?

Like I said in the beginning, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

Speaking of staying the same. It still goes that if you send in your questions or comments to the "Readers Say" column you will receive a free issue to FSD if we publish it. We've been receiving a lot of comments from our younger readers lately, so drop us a line, tell us what you like or dislike. This helps both you and FSD.

Allan J. Manak



UFO BITS AND PIECES

A Fall UFO Festival at the Days Inn in Bordentown, NJ on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st 1992. For information write: Pat J. Marcattilio, 138 Redfern St., Trenton, NJ 08610.

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OCTOBER 9th METEORS STARTLE OHIO AND EASTERN U.S.A.

Meteors lit up the skies last night, sparking hundreds of calls to authorities in scattered locations throughout the eastern United States, including Lake County.

The Lake County Sheriff's Department got about 50 calls beginning at 7:50 p.m. and continuing for 45 minutes, said dispatcher Jeff Ackerman. Some callers thought they had seen a plane explode and crash. Area police searched for the plane in vain.

Ackerman said officials in the control tower at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport confirmed that the sky's green and blue streaks of light came from a meteor, also known as a shooting star.

Meteor sightings were reported in western Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and North Carolina. In Richmond, Va., police said they were flooded with calls reporting a plane crash. Firefighters and police were sent to investigate near

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downtown, but found nothing.

"Some pilots are reporting falling debris from up around 35,000 to 39,000 feet," said Ken Batty, a National Weather Service meteorologist. No injuries or flight problems were reported.

The meteors were the Draconids, a group that hits the western hemisphere every Oct. 9, said weather service meteorologist Rich Mamrosh. A meteor is a piece of space rock that burns from friction when it hits the Earth's atmosphere.



READERS SAY

I've noticed in the UFO field of magazines and newsletters that there aren't too many magazines that reach the one hundred milestone. What is the reason for this?

L. Johnson
Los Angeles, CA

AJM - Well, Mrs. Johnson, there are many reasons. The foremost being that the publisher becomes disenchanted with this enigma, and the next is money. Yes, money. It always was and still is a problem in the field. The next being that the publisher actually runs out of material. The UAPA is currently planning the Summer 1993 issue. We just do not understand how or why one runs out of material.

I'm sixteen years old. Please put more UFO Retrospective in Flying Saucer Digest.

C. Masterson
Omaha, NE

AJM - We try to put a UFO Retrospective in every issue. If we have too much other news that we determine is of greater value to our readers, we place that first. Also, thank you for enjoying UFO Retrospective.

Thanks to all of you in Ohio for all your help and encouragement over the years. Keep up your good work and extend to all my friends a "fond hello".

G. Fawcett
Lincolnton, NC

AJM - Thank you, Mr. Fawcett, for the nice words.

Thanks for the latest issue of FSD. Your new artist is very good and I look forward to seeing her work in future issues.

G. Duplantier
Willowdale, Ont., Canada

AJM - Thank you Mr. Duplantier. We feel very proud to have an artist of the caliber of Benita "Bunny" Owens on our staff.

I really enjoyed the speculation regarding the Australian mystery symbol in the summer issue of FSD. I thought that Mr. Schutt's speculations were quite thought provoking. I look forward to more on this line of thought.

George Runde
Galena, IL

AJM - We at FSD would only be too happy to publish more on this, or similar topics. Maybe Mr. Schutt will have more for us in the not too distant future.

UFO RETROSPECTIVE

On November, 1957 James Stokes saw "an egg-shaped object" in New Mexico. He was driving on U.S. Route 54 in the afternoon when he noticed 10 cars were stopped on the road. The occupants were out of their cars looking at the sky. Then Stokes noticed his car motor failing. His car then stalled. "I saw a light-colored egg-shaped object making a shallow dive across the sky to the northwest. It was 500 feet in length with a shiny surface like mother of pearl. Then it made a pass at the highway. It then moved away toward the Organ Mountains near White Sands Proving Grounds to the southwest. As it passed at its closest point I could feel a kind of heat wave, but there was no sound. It had no visible portholes and there was no vapor trail, smoke or flame visible. When I got back to my car and checked the engine I found it intact, but the battery was steaming". He started his car with no trouble and headed for a telephone. He notified the officials at the Air Force Missile Development Center at Alamogordo.



AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick R. Hilberg

SEVERAL SEE UFOs IN OREGON ON MARCH 23rd

The following interesting series of reports comes from The Dalles, Oregon Chronicle of March 24th:

A woman driving down Highway 197 last night, reported being pursued by a UFO.

Wasco County Sheriff's Department Deputies soon found themselves chasing a series of mysterious lights in the Dufur/Tygh Valley area shortly after the report.

The Sheriff's office received three reports of UFO sightings in the area, but the source of the lights remains a mystery.

The initial report came from a Milton-Freewater woman just before 9 p.m., who reported something flying above Highway 197. She said it had red and green lights and was following cars and shooting or dropping something. The caller said this was not the first time she had seen a similar thing in that area.

After that report, a deputy drove from The Dalles to Dufur, but saw no strange lights or anything else unusual.

Shortly after the initial call, a man reported that three triangular shaped objects in the sky followed him from Tygh Valley to The Dalles. This time, the Sheriff's Department checked with the U.S. Air Force in Seattle, who said they detected nothing on radar screens.

One deputy in The Dalles said he saw some lights in the sky and said they changed color, while the other deputy, in south county, was unable to see anything out of the ordinary.

A third call came to the dispatch center at 10:04 p.m.

Under Sheriff Gary Crow said the sightings reported Monday night were not the first in that area. He said there had been a UFO report from the Miller Ranch about three months ago, but that report came from a juvenile who later admitted he made it up.

Crow said there is no reason to believe the reports were a hoax, and the people making the calls probably did see some lights. But he offered no explanation of what they might have seen. The sheriff's office had asked that the names of the persons who made the UFO reports be kept confidential.

Crow said that even the people on duty at the emergency dispatch center went outside to scan the sky after the third report. One of them saw some colored lights in the sky, the other one, standing nearby, didn't see anything unusual.

POSSIBLE COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA LANDING REPORTED ON JUNE 10th

Staffer Michael P. Rellahan of the West Chester Daily Local News filed this unusual account on June 12th:

Within the past year, it's survived the recession, a crippling 111-day Steelworkers strike and the abrupt loss of key executive personnel.

But now Lukens Steel Co. faces an even more potentially dangerous threat: alien invasion.

Well, maybe.

The company is investigating reports that one or more employees saw "an unusual object" land at the plant Wednesday, according to Lukens spokesman Evelyn Walker.

According to one source, the "object" was a flying saucer - silver in color with rotating multi-colored lights circulating around its watermelon shape.

While some dismiss the episode as people getting "too much sun," employees at the company are talking about it, and a UFO researcher said that acceptance by the public of the sighting as fact will be larger than many would think.

The UFO is said to have landed about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the middle of the steel yard on a steel plate. The source, who is the husband of a Lukens worker and asked not to be indentified, said it touched down briefly and then took off towards the old Coatsville Hospital.

However, a worker who was at the plant at the time of the sighting said he saw no flying saucer. "I saw a balloon in the air," said Gerald Wischuck. "I don't think there was anything to it."

Whether or not the sighting was valid, it had become the talk of the company by Thursday.

"There were rumors flying all over the mill," said the wife of one Lukens worker.

"I heard a couple of people talking about it," said John Semple, an employee at the Lancaster Archery Supply II target range in Thorndale, where mill workers come to relax.

"I heard they saw a silver-type object with lights on it. And several different people are supposed to have seen it," he said. "It's a little far-fetched, but I guess anything can happen."

"Personally, though, I think the people just got too much sun," he said.

Walker, the company's corporate spokeswoman, acknowledged Friday that "apparently one of our security guards did see an unusual object above Lukens' property. Lukens is still investigating the incident."

Walker refused to answer a reporter's questions about how many employees saw the "object," what they saw, or when they saw it.

"The account varies form person to person," Walker said. She said, however, that the company had not yet come up with a "reasonable explanation" for the report.

"It takes a while to determine what it might have been, who saw it, was it an object, and what created the object," she said.

Walker also declined to say whether Lukens' employees were discussing the sighting. "You're the first (person) that has called me about it," she said.

A Coatesville police spokeswoman said Friday that no one had contacted the police about the sighting.

To David Jacobs, an assistant professor of history at Temple University who has studied the UFO phenomenon for years, the fact that there was a sighting is not surprising. What is unusual is that it was reported at all.

According to Jacobs, the U.S. Air Force estimated as long ago as 1947 that only one in 10 UFO sightings are reported. Jacobs thinks the numbers might be closer to one in 100.

"The stronger the evidence, the less a person wants to talk about it," he said. "If they see something in their backyard, then mum's the

word."

Jacobs believes, however, that sightings of UFOs are much more accepted in the days of E.T. and Luke Skywalker than they were in the 1940s and 1950s.

"There's still a great deal of skepticism, to be sure," he said. "But there is far less fear than there was in the beginning of the phenomenon.

"There are so many people who have seen these things that the acceptance level is far greater than you would imagine," Jacobs said.

Jacobs said the one thing that distinguished the reported sighting from others is that it supposedly happened in public.

"They're usually not seen in public areas" like the steel yard, he said. "But broad daylight, in the middle of the day - that's not unusual at all."

NOISY DISC SEEN IN RAEFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

This interesting nocturnal case happened on June 27th, and was written up by Larry Bingham of the Fayette Observer - Times on July 2nd:

What is round, orange and as big as a swimming pool?

If you know, tell Diane Messing. Because whatever it is - or was - landed in a hay field across from her home during the weekend.

"Sitting in the field was - I know this sounds crazy - but the first thing I could think of was a flying saucer," said Mrs. Messing, 29, who reported the incident to authorities early Saturday.

When six sheriff's deputies came to her trailer on Ranch Road, about three miles west of Raeford, Mrs. Messing had one thing to say.

"I said we don't drink, we don't smoke pot or anything like that. We go to church all the time," recalled Mrs. Messing. "It's funny because I don't believe in that stuff."

Now she isn't so sure.

It was 12:30 Saturday morning when she and her mother first heard something that sounded like a freight train. The trailer rattled as the noise passed overhead.

They ran to the front door, fearing the return of an earlier heavy storm. Or maybe a tornado. Instead, the sky was overcast and the area unusually dark because an outdoor yard light had mysteriously gone off.

And then they saw it, some 300 feet away, in a hay field surrounded by woods: something the size of a swimming pool, maybe 15 feet by 15 feet, but in the shape of a circle.

"It looked like a fire burning in the woods but the more you looked at it, it was like orange windows around it," Mrs. Messing said. "It was like it was just sitting there looking at us and we were looking at it. And it was quiet. That's why I called the police. I didn't know what it was going to do next."

She stumbled for the telephone. Her mother groped for her glasses. When they returned - with telephone and glasses - it was gone. The outdoor light had come back to life, and three lights down the road had gone out. The police missed it all.

Early the next day the two women walked to the field and found a circle of grass pressed flat. Nobody took pictures. Instead, the only evidence they have that anything happened is a mangled front yard where one of the deputies had gotten stuck in the mud.

So what was it? Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base don't claim the strange aircraft.

As Gail Bennett, a spokeswoman for Pope, said: "I can't think of anything we do, or any aircraft we would fly, that could even be constructed as that."

At the National Weather Service in Raleigh, meteorologists reported thunderstorms and lighting - but no UFOs.

"It was there, no matter what anybody says. Something was out there," Said Mrs. Messing.

Her mother, Jackie Rijfkogel, 47, adds: "I've never believed it. I mean I've watched the shows on TV. But when you see something yourself, you wonder is there something out there.

"The sad part is when you watch that stuff on TV there's an ending. But when something happens to you in real life, there's no ending," she said. "It leaves you hanging."

WEIRD DOLOGY

CAT OR COYOTE? MYSTERY ANIMAL HAUNTS AKRON, OHIO

In a truly classic forteen way, some strange animal had the good folks of Akron, Ohio in a jittery way this past August. Witnesses swore that they were seeing some sort of large cat. However, state wildlife officials eventually ruled that the cat was in "reality" a dog.

Maybe people were seeing both, maybe neither - here are three accounts from area newspapers to help you decide:

A cat got the mayor's tongue yesterday.

It's believed to be a 150-pound cat - a mountain lion perhaps - and Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic wanted to put the word out that it's been spotted prowling the western edge of Akron.

"It could be dangerous and we want to advise people to be cautious," he said at a news conference.

Two hours later, a 13-year-old Norton boy reported seeing a large cat romping across the street from a lumberyard.

"I saw a big tan cat, OK," said Teddy O'Dell. "It was playing across the street from Carter Lumber. At first I thought it was a cat but then I figured a cat wouldn't be that big.

"I came home and told mom about it. She really didn't think anything of it and neither did I. Then our next-door neighbor called and said a mountain lion was loose."

Police and health officials were dispatched to the scene to investigate. O'Dell said the animal he saw was about waist-high, muscular and had a black-tipped, long tail.

Plusquellic said the cat sighted on three earlier occasions had not caused any injury or damage, but he cautioned residents to stay away from any large animal running wild.

The earlier sightings put the animal just within the western boundary of Akron at the intersection of Ingersoll Dr. and Rockcliff Dr. near St. Michaels Ave. and Cordova Ave. The animal was described as fawn-colored, about 30 inches tall and "a bit thin."

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UNITED AERIAL PHENOMENA AGENCY

A S. Hawkins Ave. sighting was made Sunday by Akron police Officer Hugh Sullivan, who said the cat was feeding on a road kill.

In addition there have been a number of "audibles" or reports of strange sounds. The mountain lion's call is a high-pitched screech like a tom-cat, said David Martine, supervisor of environmental health for Akron's Health Department.

Mountains lions, also known as cougars or pumas, are not native to Ohio.

The city checked with the L&L Exotic Animal Farm in Copley, but none of its lions, tigers or mountain lions had escaped.

Residents were advised to be careful, especially at dawn or dusk, when walking small pets in the area, taking out the garbage or making shortcuts across fields and through wooded areas. Residents were asked to report any sightings to the Akron Police Department.

Meanwhile, the city is consulting with animal experts to figure out a way to stalk and capture the cat.

At the Norton Police Department, a dispatcher who declined to give his name was not fazed by the sightings.

"Every five years it seems like this big cat appears because Norton is the home of the Norton Panthers," he said. "We go on a wild goose chase every five years. Haven't seen one yet."

But Teddy O'Dell's mother is a believer.

"See, we're from the city and we just moved out here," Cathy O'Dell said. "We're seeing cows and horses running around here. And when he said he saw this huge catlike thing, I just figured it was a huge dog."

"All I'm hearing is 'I told you so, mom.'"

(Allison Grant. Cleveland Plain Dealer 8/6/92)

The cat's not in the bag yet.

Akron area police departments were peppered with reports yesterday about a large, catlike animal on the loose, but the creature proved too elusive to catch.

"I don't think it's a fairy tale," Mary Wright said as she stood a stone's throw from an overgrown field in Norton where a teen-age boy said he saw the animal. Akron Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic called a news conference Wednesday to say that a 150-pound cat, possibly a mountain lion, had been spotted on the west edge of Akron three times, once by police officer Hugh Sullivan.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife said it would help track the animal.

David Martine, supervisor of environmental health for Akron's Health Department, said yesterday there had been three new reports of sightings since Wednesday.

An animal was seen in a trash bin behind the Adjusta-Post Manufacturing Co. on Summit Rd. in Norton, at Ohio 21 and Minor Rd. in Copley Township, and across from Carter Lumber in Norton, Martine said.

Martine said he and his son canvassed a field across from the lumber yard until mosquitoes drove them away Wednesday evening. They found dog tracks that were about 4 inches wide and long.

It really could be something like a Great Dane. The nails were probably an inch long," Martine said.

Mary Wright, who lives near the lumber company, said she saw large paw prints in dust on her car yesterday.

"I go to work early in the morning, at 4 o'clock. I'll be more alert," she said. "It could harm somebody."

"There's a lot that comes out of those ledges," she added, pointing to tree-covered bluffs east of her property.

Across the street at Carter Lumber, employees watched a game warden survey the field where Teddy O'Dell said he saw a muscular, waist-high cat with a black-tipped tail.

"There's a lot of area for it to run around here," salesman Don Means said. "Plus there's a lot of rabbits this year."

Down the road, Katherine Wasil said several large garbage bags were dragged from a trash can to her garage last week. "It'd have to be a couple of dogs to pull them that far," she said.

But Wasil doubted that the intruder was a mountain lion because, she said her pet poodle would have reacted.

"When something's around Samantha really hits that door," Wasil said. (Allison Grant. Cleveland Plain Dealer 8/7/92)

A coyote and a mountain lion are on the loose in the southwest part of the city, according to police.

"We are convinced there are two animals out there," Sgt. William Ellison said Tuesday.

"These witnesses describe a large cat - 100-plus pounds by most estimates, light tan."

The most recent sighting occurred Friday, Ellison said.

David Martine of the city health department said officials on Tuesday discussed hiring a trapper who could humanely capture a large cat. He said that he is gathering information about a company that specializes in humane captures, but that no decision to set traps has been made.

Specialists in the Ohio Division of Wildlife, after viewing a home video of an animal prowling a neighborhood, said last week the elusive animal was a coyote, and that people had mistaken the coyote for a mountain lion.

But police continued interviewing witnesses to determine whether there was more than one animal roaming the area.

"The people we interviewed definitely saw a cat, not a coyote or another type of canine," Ellison said. "We have to believe these witnesses. They are very credible."

(Elyria Chronicle-Telegram 8/7/92)

STRANGE HUM HAS HUEYTOWN, ALABAMA BUZZING

The San Francisco Examiner filed this interesting piece on April 19th:

Some say it's so loud it disrupts their prayers and keeps them up at night. Others don't hear a thing.

People around here have been hearing the strange and spectral "Hueytown hum" since December, and although there's plenty of finger-pointing, the source of the sometimes maddening, sometimes humorous droning is a mystery.

Mayor Lillian Howard said she believes it comes from a huge ventilation fan with 12-foot blades that drives hot air out of the mouth of a Jim Walter Resources mine outside this town just west of Birmingham.

Not so, said Dennis Hall, spokesman for the coal mining company.

"We were tried and convicted before we had a chance to defend ourselves," he said. "We've never denied that our fans do make noise but, 6½ miles away, it's hard to comprehend that we're keeping people from sleeping."

Since word of the hum spread, self-styled experts have contacted the mayor with offers to find the cause and silence it. For a price, of course.

"I wish everyone would just mind their own business," said John

Ennis, attorney for the city of 15,085.

The mayor said she has "not had people coming to me upset or angry."

So far, the mine fan appears to be the leading theory. Last week, the mining company sent Ennis a bundle of charts and information.

"You can't just point your finger at one thing and say this is causing it," said Hall. "If it is our mine, why are there complaints now when the mine has been there since 1974?"

Hall said that atmospheric conditions could enhance the hum, and he noted that large tracts were cleared last year from a pine forest between the fan and the city and that Hueytown is surrounded by industries.

Residents say the hum is loudest at night and extremely loud on cloudy and rainy days. A visitor walking in town on a sunny afternoon could hear no hum.

But Gerald Hicks had heard it.

"People sensitive to noises like this find it very annoying," he said. "If you let it, it will almost drive you crazy."

Joe Bradford said the Hueytown hum ranges from low to noisy. At first, he heard it at night, but now it comes at different times.

"I am able to get a little sleep now and then," he said.

He met at his church with a prayer group at 6 a.m. one morning and "we could hardly pray due to the racket."

"I believe our prayers got through to the Lord, though," he said.

"We didn't specifically pray for the hum to stop. Maybe we need to do that."

BIGFOOT SIGHTED IN MICHIGAN

Staffer Mary Drier filed the following report in the April 6th edition of the Saginaw News:

Bigfoot is no hoax to two Caro men who claim they spotted a pair of the creatures on Pattison Road near Mayville, says the director of the Michigan-Canadian Bigfoot Information Center.

Even so, Wayne King, a skeptic turned believer, says the men, 60 and 44, do not want to talk to reporters about their Jan. 4 experience and do not want to face the ridicule that revealing their names might bring.

King says the latest encounter makes 38 Bigfoot sightings in Tuscola County since 1965.

The men, both route drivers in the Mayville area, described the first animal as about 7 to 8 feet tall and weighing about 500 to 600 pounds - "large enough to flip their vehicle," King said.

They described the second animal as smaller, about 5 feet tall and weighing about 300 to 400 pounds.

"Both animals seemed undisturbed by the vehicle as they stared into its lights," King says the men reported.

The 60-year-old told King he was about to open the door and shine a flashlight on the creatures when his partner stopped him because the animals began approaching.

The men backed their vehicle away, King says.

He says he is puzzled by the encounter because most Bigfoot creatures are docile.

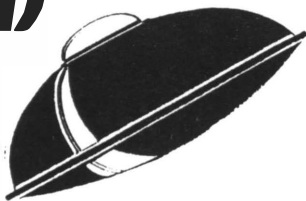
Several weeks passed between the sighting and when the men gave their account. King says he only found two vague barefoot tracks in the mud and that he is skeptical about their origin.

"The tracks were both of the same animal," he says. "They were quite obliterated."

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